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April 27, 2007

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Michael Pauletto
10517 NE 50th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98686

Subject: Division Directive to Control Cheatgrass Infestations, Clark's Basin Mine, S/003/055, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pauletto:

On April 11, 2007, the Division conducted an inspection of the Clark's Basin Mine (inspection memo attached). Of concern with this inspection was the apparent infestation of cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) on the reclaimed mine site and access road. This species has caused many problems on western ranges and needs to be controlled before it spreads to the adjacent areas.

You are hereby directed by the Division to immediately develop and implement a control plan for this annual weedy grass. This control plan needs to be coordinated with the US Forest Service (contact Steve Flock (208)678-0430) and the Division (contact Lynn Kunzler (801)538-5310). This plan needs to be approved and implemented prior to seed formation on current cheatgrass plants (approximately June 1, 2007). It is likely that the best control plan will consist of treating the area with a herbicide such as roundup, followed by reseeding in the fall.

Failure to follow this Directive may result in the Division taking formal enforcement action.

If you have any questions regarding this Directive, please don't hesitate to call me at (801)538-5325 or Lynn Kunzler at 538-5310. In reply, please refer to file number S/003/055. Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this concern.

Sincerely,

Daron Haddock
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Attachment: Inspection memo

cc: Steve Flock, USFS w/attachment

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Inspection Report
Minerals Regulatory Program
April 25, 2007

Supervisor RR74

Mine Name: Clark's Basin Mine

Operator Name: Interstate Rock Quarries, Inc.
(I&P Investments LLC - Michael Pauletto)

Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Other Participants: none

Mine Status: Inactive (reclaimed)

Permit number: S/003/055

Inspection Date: April 11, 2007

Time: 2:00 pm

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

To check revegetation progress of the site while in the area.

Inspection Summary:

The Notice for this area was accepted July 14, 2000. After receiving a non-compliance from the Forest Service in September of 2000, the operation was shut down. The Annual Report received January 2005 indicated that the reclamation work at the site had been completed (with the exception of the shared access road with Bonneville Quarries, Inc. The site was last inspected by the Division in 2005. On August 3, 2005, the Division also received notice that Interstate Rock Quarries, Inc. was no more, and that I&P Investments, LLC now owned the mining rights. While the operator was told he would need to transfer the permit from Interstate Rock to I&P Investments, this was not pursued since the all reclamation work had been completed (Division just waiting for successful revegetation). Note, Michael Pauletto is contact for both companies.

Prior to this inspection, the Forest Service had visited this site and reported a cheatgrass (*bromus tectorum*) infestation. This annual weedy grass is of grave concern and needs to be controlled. This inspection confirmed the establishment of this plant. With the exception of the cheatgrass infestation, there were no other problems or concerns observed. The area was stable and free of debris.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

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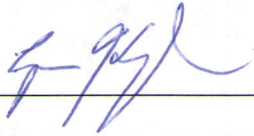
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Conclusions and Recommendations:

Operator should be contacted regarding infestation of cheatgrass and directed to immediately take steps to control this species. It is likely the best method of control is to spray the area with a herbicide such as roundup prior to seed set, and reseed the area in the fall. Control efforts should be coordinated with the US Forest Service and the Division.

Continue to monitor this site when in the area.

Inspector's Signature _____

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LK:pb

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